

## MINUTES

### UTAH PROFESSION ENGINEER AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR LICENSING BOARD MEETING

**January 15, 2008**

**Room 402 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 09:00 A.M.**  
**Heber Wells Building**  
**160 East 300 South**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**CONVENED** 09:04 A.M.

**ADJOURNED** 11:58 A.M.

**DOPL STAFF**

David Stanley, *Division Director*  
Ross Ford, *Associate Director*  
Dan S. Jones, *Bureau Manager*  
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager (Bureau 4)*  
Yvonne King, *Board Secretary (Bureau 4)*  
Wayne Holman, *Investigator Supervisor*  
Wayne Jeppson, *Investigator*  
Boyce Barnes, *Licensing Specialist*  
Ann Naegelin, *Board Secretary*

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jonathan Richards, *Chairman*  
Kim Harris  
Von Hill  
Gary Knighton  
Charles Powell

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Wesemann  
Norman Bennion

**VISITORS**

Alexander Fisher  
Tyler Trujillo  
Al Zadeh

**MINUTES**

Kim Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting as amended. Von Hill seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**DIVISION CHANGES**

Dan Jones explained the Division was going through a reorganization. He would no longer be the bureau manager over the engineers and surveyors. This responsibility would shift to Dennis Meservy and his board secretary, Yvonne King.

**CHARLES POWELL**

Charles Powell was introduced and sworn in as the new public member of the board.

**AL ZADEH**

Education Review

Al Zadeh met with the board. The board reviewed the education and other information submitted by Zadeh. Harris made a motion to consider a rule change to allow a person who does not have an EAC/ABET accredited degree and completes a master degree be allowed to complete the coursework they are short so the US degree is similar to what is written for the foreign review. Hill seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**ALEXANDER FISHER**

Probation Interview

Alexander Fisher met for his probation interview. He is being supervised by Albert Spensko. Fisher has not corrected the surveys as required by his stipulation and order. The board reminded him that it is important to complete the requirements of his stipulation and order. Fisher was advised to have his supervisor read the stipulation and order. Fisher is scheduled to meet before the board again on May 21, 2008. The board was of the opinion that when Fisher met in May with the board the surveys in questions were to be corrected and reviewed by his supervisor. More than enough time had lapsed for this to have been completed.

**TYLER TRUJILLO**

Land Surveyor Application

Tyler Trujillo met with the board and the board reviewed his request for licensure. In Idaho he had a single wildlife violation for killing deer. It appears Trujillo was in compliance with his criminal probation. Hill made a motion to approve Trujillo for licensure. Charles Powell seconded the motion. Four board members voted in favor of the motion, but Gary Knighton opposed the motion. Motion passed.

**EDUCATION/ENFORCEMENT FUND  
UPDATE**

The Education and Enforcement Fund balance was reviewed.

Knighton made a motion for funds for Hill to attend the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying 2008 Western and Central Zone meeting. Harris seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**YOUNGIK CHOI**

Engineering Application

Youngik Choi's application was reviewed by the board.

Jonathan Richards made a motion to not accept Choi's experience as a teaching assistant. Harris seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Choi needed at least another 7 ½ months of experience in order to become licensed.

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FOR  
EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY**

This will be considered at the next meeting.

**LAND SURVEYOR UTAH LOCAL  
PRACTICE EXAMINATION**

Jones informed the Board that PSI would be the test provider for the Utah Local Practice Examination. This examination contained questions pertaining to the law and rules. Jones wanted to know if the board wanted to continue to have this examination. Hill was of the opinion that the public land surveyor system is not addressed adequately in the NCEES national exam. Therefore, the Utah examination is necessary and should not be eliminated. Jones indicated DOPL would need to issue temporary licenses until the examination is available.

The board reviewed the pass rate for the Utah Local Practice Examination.

**EVAN FONGER**  
Course Review

The courses submitted by Fonger were reviewed and the board determined that either course he submitted was acceptable.

**LAND SURVEYOR LICENSE**

Hill reported on his review of other state requirements for Professional Land Surveyor license. Several states will accept any degree and 30 hours in land surveying. Other states require a baccalaureate degree in land surveying. He continues to collect information on this topic. Jones will draft language for the rule change and Hill will add input on the required courses.

**WAYNE JEPPSON**  
Investigative Report

Wayne Jeppson indicated he had closed three Professional Engineer and two Professional Land Surveyor cases since the November meeting. He gave a brief summary of each case.

**All business concluded meeting adjourned.**

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.*

(ss) Jonathan Richards Date: May 21, 2008  
Jonathan Richards, Chairman Signature

(ss) Dennis Meservy Date: May 21, 2008  
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager Signature